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## MAJOR DRUG DISTRIBUTOR SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON ON DRUG AND MONEY LAUNDERING CHARGES

(*Waco, Texas*) United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today that, FELIPE DOMINGUEZ, 28, of Tustin, CA, was sentenced to 108 months in federal prison for conspiring to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine and money laundering.

In addition to the prison term, U.S. District Judge Smith ordered that Dominguez be placed under supervised release for a period of three years after completing his prison term.

On February 20, 2003, Dominguez pled guilty to the charges. Dominguez admitted that from approximately January 30, 1998, until July 9, 2002, he was a major distributor of methamphetamine and laundered approximately \$220,000 in illegally gotten drug proceeds.

"Today's sentencing reflects the seriousness of this case," stated **U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton**. "We will continue our vigorous efforts to pursue drug dealers and eradicate their distribution and money laundering networks."

Beginning in 1998, Dominguez "fronted" substantial quantities of methamphetamine to other drug dealers. The methamphetamine was shipped via UPS and driven to Dallas, Texas. The drugs would then continue to be fronted to other methamphetamine wholesalers who would in turn sell the methamphetamine to their distributors.

"Felipe Dominguez controlled a methamphetamine pipeline from California to Central Texas. After the drugs were sold, Dominguez used the same pipeline to funnel cash proceeds back to California," stated **Enrique Fasci, Special Agent in Charge, IRS Criminal Investigation**.

This case was prosecuted as an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) investigation called Full Circle and was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation Division, Drug Enforcement Agency, Irving, Texas Police Department, McClennan County Sheriff's Department and the Agriplex Drug Task Force. On behalf of the federal government, Assistant U.S. Attorney Jake Snyder prosecuted this case.

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